

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

1-35 (Cancelled)

36 (New): A composition having a pH ranging from 9.0 to 10.0 comprising:

(A) an alkaline buffer having a pH ranging from 9.0 to 10.0 containing a Norovirus specimen, an immobilized anti-Norovirus antibody, and a labeled anti-Norovirus antibody; or

(B) an alkaline buffer having a pH ranging from 9.0 to 10.0 containing a Sapovirus specimen, an immobilized anti-Sapovirus antibody, and a labeled anti-Sapovirus antibody.

37 (New): The composition of claim 36, which comprises:

(A) an alkaline buffer having a pH ranging from 9.0 to 10.0 containing a Norovirus specimen, an immobilized anti-Norovirus antibody, and a labeled anti-Norovirus antibody.

38 (New): The composition of claim 36, which comprises:

(B) an alkaline buffer having a pH ranging from 9.0 to 10.0 containing a Sapovirus specimen, an immobilized anti-Sapovirus antibody, and a labeled anti-Sapovirus antibody.

39 (New): The composition of claim 36, wherein said alkaline buffer is Tris buffer.

40 (New): The composition of claim 36, wherein said alkaline buffer is a Good's buffer.

41 (New): The composition of claim 36, wherein said alkaline buffer is borate buffer.

42 (New): The composition of claim 36, wherein said alkaline buffer is carbonate buffer.

43 (New): The composition of claim 36, further comprising an animal globulin.

44 (New): The composition of claim 36, further comprising an animal globulin of mouse, rabbit, sheep or human.

45 (New): The composition of claim 36, further comprising an animal globulin at a concentration ranging from 0.05 to 0.5 mg/ml.

46 (New): The composition of claim 36, further comprising a surfactant.

47 (New): The composition of claim 36, further comprising an amphoteric surfactant.

48 (New): The composition of claim 36, further comprising a surfactant that is polyethylene glycol alkyl phenyl ether in an amount of 0.5 to 5.0% by mass.

49 (New): The composition of claim 36, further comprising a surfactant that is polyoxyethylene sorbitan mono-fatty acid ester in an amount of 0.01 to 0.1% by mass.

50 (New): The composition of claim 36, further comprising a surfactant that is sulfobetain amphoteric surfactant in an amount of 0.05 to 2.0% by mass.

51 (New): The composition of claim 36, further comprising a water-soluble polymer.

52 (New): The composition of claim 36, further comprising a water-soluble polymer in an amount ranging from 0.1 to 8.0% by mass.

53 (New): The composition of claim 36, further comprising a water-soluble polymer selected from the group consisting of polyvinyl pyrrolidone (PVP), dextran sulfate, polyethylene glycol, and polyvinyl alcohol.

54 (New): The composition of claim 36 that has a salt concentration ranging from 1 to 8% by mass of at least one salt selected from the group consisting of an alkali metal salt, an alkaline earth metal salt and an amino acid salt.

55 (New): A method for detecting a Norovirus in a specimen comprising:  
contacting a specimen to be tested for the presence of Norovirus with an immobilized anti-Norovirus antibody at a pH ranging from 9 to 10 for a time and under conditions sufficient for binding to occur, and  
detecting binding between the specimen and the anti-Norovirus antibody thereby detecting Norovirus in the specimen.

56 (New): The method of claim 55, further comprising contacting said specimen with a second labeled anti-Norovirus antibody.

57 (New): The method of claim 55, which is a sandwich method wherein said specimen is contacted with an immobilized anti-Norovirus antibody and then simultaneously or subsequently contacted with labeled anti-Norovirus antibody.

58 (New): The method of claim 55, wherein said specimen is a food.

59 (New): The method of claim 55, wherein said specimen is a bodily tissue, blood or another bodily fluid, vomit or stool.

60 (New): A method for detecting a Sapovirus in a specimen comprising:  
contacting a specimen to be tested for the presence of Sapovirus with an immobilized anti-Sapovirus antibody at a pH ranging from 9 to 10 for a time and under conditions sufficient for binding to occur, and  
detecting binding between the specimen and the anti-Sapovirus antibody thereby detecting Sapovirus in the specimen.

61 (New): A method of claim 60, further comprising contacting said specimen with a second labeled anti-Sapovirus antibody.

62 (New): The method of claim 60, which is a sandwich method wherein said specimen is contacted with an immobilized anti-Sapovirus antibody and then simultaneously or subsequently contacted with labeled anti-Sapovirus antibody.

63 (New): The method of claim 60, wherein said specimen is a food.

64 (New): The method of claim 60, wherein said specimen is a bodily tissue, blood or another bodily fluid, vomit or stool.